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SUBJECT: GERMAN CONCERN ABOUT POSSIBLE US AID CUTOFF
TO TURKEY

1. DR. JOACHIM PECKERT, CHARGE OF THE FRG EMBASSY IN ANKARA, ASKED THAT POLITICAL COUNSELOR CALL ON HIM OCTOBER 11. PECKERT MADE A NUMBER OF POINTS, BUT MOST IMPORTANT HAD TO DO WITH GERMAN MILITARY ASSISTANCE TO TURKEY.

2. PECKERT SAID HE WANTED THE AMERICAN EMBASSY TO KNOW THAT THE "APPARENT" CUTOFF OF USG MILITARY ASSISTANCE TO TURKEY IN THE NEAR FUTURE PUT THE FRG IN A VERY DIFFICULT SITUATION. THE FRG SUSPENDED MILITARY ASSISTANCE TO TURKEY, BECAUSE OF LEGAL REQUIREMENTS, ON AUGUST 12. FRG WAS NOW CONSIDERING RESUMING AID IN THE NEAR FUTURE, BUT THE AMERICAN DECISION WOULD MAKE THIS EXTREMELY DIFFICULT.

3. DR. PECKERT WANTED THE AMERICAN EMBASSY TO KNOW THAT, IF GERMANY DID NOT RESUME ITS MILITARY ASSISTANCE, THERE WOULD
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BE TWO SERIOUS RESULTING PROBLEMS IN THE TURKISH AIR FORCE:

(A) SPARE PARTS FOR F-104S WOULD BE REDUCED TO A DANGEROUS POINT, AND (B) THE TURKISH MILITARY AIR TRANSPORT COMMAND WOULD BE ENDANGERED AS A RESULT OF LACK OF SPARE PARTS FOR GERMAN-FURNISHED C-160S.

4. DR. PECKERT DID NOT PROPOSE ANY SOLUTIONS TO THESE PROBLEMS, BUT EMPHASIZED THAT HE WANTED THE AMERICAN EMBASSY TO KNOW HOW SERIOUS THE FRG THINKS THE LONG RUN REPERCUSSIONS MAY BE. POLITICAL COUNSELOR POINTED OUT THAT WE HOPED US ASSISTANCE WILL CONTINUE BUT EMPHASIZED THAT, IN ANY EVENT, WE HOPE FRG WILL PROCEED WITH ITS PLAN TO RESUME AID.
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